Survey on adulteration of food Stuff Stuff

@1093. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the recent survey conducted by the Consumers Guidance Society of India, adulteration of food stuff including tea, groundnut oil mirchi powder etc. is being done on a large scale in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Goverment have taken or propose to take to punish the traders resorting to adulteration of food stuff.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of any such survey. The available information does not indicate any increase in the extent of adulteration of food stuffs in the country. The State/Union Territory Governments have been advised to strengthen the Prevention of Food Adulteration Enforcement machinery for better implementation of the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. The persons found guilty of manufacturing/storing or selling adulterated food stuffs for human consumption are punished by courts under the law.

Sanskrit knowing persons

1094. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of Sanskrit knowing persons in each State and Union Territory in the country; and

(b) estimated number of similar persons in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The programmes of teaching Sanskrit are being implemented by universities, Kendriya Sanskrit Vidya Peethas, Adarsh Sanskrit Pathshalas, State Governments and Voluntary Organisations. As these programmes are implemented by different agencies, this Department does not collect information about the number of persons knowing Sanskrit in different States/Union Territories and in Foreign Countries.

Preservation of Ancient Sanskrit manuscripts

1095. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Sanskrit manuscripts printed or filmed by Government till date in order to preserve them;

(b) the names and places in various States and Union Territories where such facilities are in operation and being aided by Government and work done by each one of them so far; and

(c) the number of manuscripts estimated to be so filmed/printed during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) 63 manuscripts in Sanskrit have been printed and 21 microfilmed by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan and its various Vidya Peethas so far. In addition,

@Previously Unstarred Question 766, transferred from the 24th April, 1987.

National Archives of India has microfilmed 552 manuscripts. A list of names of manuscripts printed by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan and microfilmed by the National Archives of India is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 60]. The Sansthan has facilities for microfilming at Ganga Nath Jha Kendriya Sanskrit Vidya Peeth, Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh). The National Archives of India has its Archives offices having microfilming, reprographic and xerox facilities in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Orissa, Punjab, Sikkim, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Goa, Daman and Diu and Delhi.

(c) About 100 manuscripts are likely to be microfilmed by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan during the current year, 1987-88.

Tenders submitted for coal Handling, cinder picking and Ash Handling contract at Tundla Loco Shed

1096. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of parties who submitted tenders for coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling work at Tundla loco-shed group together with rates quoted for indvidual item of schedule and annual valuation of contract separately based on average volume of work;

(b) whether rates received from lowest tenderer were lower than the rates paid to outgoing Society upto 10th July, 1986;

(c) if so, the reasons for not recommending the lowest tender by Tender Committee for acceptance by the competent authority; and

(d) whether the tender was accepted for one year as stipulated in tender conditions and draft agreement and the date of commencement of work and name of the party who was finally awarded the contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)

Sl. No.	Names of the Cooperative Societies	Annual Valuation as per	
		Original offer Rs.	Negotiated offer Rs.
1.	Railway Parcels & Goods Porters Labour Contract Cooperative Society Ltd., Aligarh.	5,77,179.48	5,65,709.30
2.	Railway Shram Avam Nirman Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Tundla.	5,86,527.00	5,51,012.62
3.	Tundla Railway Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Tundla.	6,18,443.50	5,82,546.14

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Negotiations were held and the lowest tender as per the negotiated rates was accepted.

(d) The negotiated offer of Railway Shram Avam Nirman Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Tundla was accepted for a period of one year from 12.11.86 to 11.11.87.

Staff working in Power Accounts Section in Allahabad, Lucknow and Mordabad Divisions of Northern Railway

1097. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of staff employed in the Power Accounts Section func-